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SUBJECT: GENERAL STRIKE IN LIMA ACCOMPANIED BY REPORTS OF VIOLENCE

REF: LIMA 6004

SUMMARY: TWENTY-FOUR HOUR GENERAL STRIKE IS BEING OBSERVED BY LARGE SEGMENTS OF LIMA LABOR MOVEMENT DESPITE GOP CAMPAIGN TO CONTROL OR PREVENT PARALIZATION OF BUSINESS/TRANSPORTATION/INDUSTRIAL SECTORS OF ECONOMY. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE SCATTERED OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE AND QUICK POLICE RESPONSE. INTERIOR MINISTER WARNS OF "SEVERE MEASURES" TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER. END SUMMARY.

1. JULY 19 GENERAL STRIKE IS BEING OBSERVED BY LARGE NUMBERS OF WORKERS DESPITE LAST MINUTE CAMPAIGN OF GOP (REFTEL) TO PREVENT OR MINIMIZE THE MOSCOW-LINE LABOR CONFEDERATION'S (CGTP) SPONSORED WORK STOPPAGE. VERY FEW BUSES AND LITTLE TRAFFIC SEEN ON THE STREETS AND PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN REPORTED WITH SUCH BASIS SERVICES AS TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS.

2. REPORTS OF SCATTERED VIOLENCE IN SECTIONS OF LIMA ARE  
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WIDESPREAD. CARS AND BUSES HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY STONE-THROWING GROUPS OF STUDENTS AND WORKERS. ARMY ARMORED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN THE STREETS AND ARMY HELICOPTERS HAVE FLOWN OVER THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

3. INTERIOR MINISTER GENERAL LUIS CISNEROS VIZQUERRA DELIVERED

A HALF-HOUR TALK TO THE NATION JULY 18 ON THE EVE OF THE STRIKE. HE WARNED "AGITATORS AND INSTIGATORS" AS WELL AS LABOR LEADERS, POLITICAL PARTIES, PRESS, AND PARENTS THAT GHE GOP WOULD TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES, HOWEVER DISTASTEFUL TO PRESERVE PUBLIC ORDER TO MAINTAIN NECESSARY SERVICES, AND TO CONTINUE THE COURSE OF THE REVOLUTION. HE CLAIMED RECENT DISTURBANCES IN THE INTERIOR OF THE COUNTRY ON FAR-LEFT UNIONS, THE PERUVIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP), AND THE CGTP. EMBOFF WAS INFORMED BY A LABOR LEADER JULY 19 THAT CGTP SECRETARY GENERAL EDUARDO CASTILLO SANCHEZ HAS BEEN DETAINED BY POLICE.

CISNEROS TALKED BRIEFLY WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENT WEEKLIES JULY 18 AND ISSUED HIS "FINAL WARNING" ON PRESS CRITISM OF THE GOP WHICH SE SAID HAS CONTRIBUTED TO PRESENT UNREST. HE CITED THE "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" THAT HAD LED TO REOPENING OF THE MAGAZINES EARLIER THIS YEAR AND SAID THAT IF THE MAGAZINES DID NOT MODERATE THEIR CRITICISM THEY WOULD BE CLOSED DOWN.

5. HIGH LEVEL GUARDIA CIVIL OFFICER INFORMED EMBOFF MOST SECURITY PROBLEMS INVOLVING ROCKS THROWING, BURNING CARS, ETC. HAVE OCCURRED IN POOR AREAS ON OUTSKIRTS OF LIMA ALTHOUGH CARRETERA CENTRAL CLOSED TWO HOURS THIS MORNING BY BARRICADES. AS OF 1300 HRS HE REPORTS ALL UNDER CONTROL AND CONFIRMS A NUMBER OF LEFTIST LEADERS HAVE BEEN DETAINED. HE CONFIRMS ONE DEATH IN CLASHES WITH POLICE WITH AS MANY AS FIVE OTHER FATALITIES REPORTED BUT UNCONFIRMED. GUARDIA CONFIDENTIAL

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BELIEVES THAT DISORDERS MIGHT RESUME LATER THIS AFTERNOON BUT WILL PROBABLY END TONIGHT AND THAT STRIKE SHOULD END BY JULY 20. UNLESS DISTURBANCES WORSEN, NO CURFEW CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR LIMA. GUARDIA OFFICIAL HAD NO INFORMATION ON SITUATION IN OTHER CITIES OUTSIDE OF LIMA NOR DOES EMBASSY; WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT CUZCO AND TRUJILLO BNC'S FOR THEIR COMMENTS.  
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